

GICD Workshop & Recommendations

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Housing challenges in MA

Expensive

 Not well suited or located for moderate- to middle-income households

 Lack of affordable housing = hard to retain talent



July 2012 Workshop

Gov. Patrick and EOHED convened the GICD to discuss policies that

- expand housing production;
- increase supply of housing that is affordable & accessible for moderate- to middleincome households;
- make MA more competitive.





July 2012 Workshop

- 2-day meeting
- GICD experts on housing policy, planning, & real estate
- State agency representatives & stakeholder groups
 - Housing advocates
 - Business leaders
 - Municipal leaders
 - Regional planning agencies
 - Real estate leaders



July 2012 Workshop

Discussion focus:

- The role of workforce housing in economic development;
- Improving collaboration across agencies and across sectors (developer, municipalities, employers, state government); and
- New policies, tools, and incentives to encourage production of workforce housing in MA communities.

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- Establish a statewide housing production goal;
- Identify places where the State wants to encourage development;
- 3. Improve internal alignment across state agencies;
- Reach out to key stakeholders through a coordinated communications strategy;

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- 5. Target investments and policies to priority locations (places where they want to encourage development);
- 6. Identify the right tools and incentives; and
- 7. Enhance support for municipalities through increased resources and technical assistance.





Now what?

- How should we communicate and reach out to the public?
- How can we achieve the 10,000 multifamily housing unit goal?
- How can we support the types of development we need?
- What are the specific strategies and next steps?



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